

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 769 of the Hall Building, Sir George Williams  
Campus, at 5:30 p.m. on March 29, 1977

PRESENT: Mr. B. Rennie, Chairman, Dean A. Audet, Dr. E. Enos, Dean M. Flynn, Mr. J. A. Sproule, Mr. J. Macaluso, Mr. J. Hopkins, Ms. B. Litner, Mr. B. Counihan, Mr. B. Philip, Mr. F. Denton, Prof. R. Allison, Prof. L. Van Toch, Prof. L. Adler, Prof. T. Fancott, Ms. L. Brooks, Ms. N. Marrelli, Mr. J. James, Mr. R. Davies, Ms. M. O'Dea, Mr. C. Wisniewski, Ms. A. Kubicek, Mr. K. McGrath, Ms. R. Scully, Ms. S. Lavinskas, Mr. N. Hébert, Mr. W. Kotiuga.

ABSENT: Mr. J. J. Pepper, Mr. J. Bernier.

ALTERNATES: Ms. M. Callan for Prof. W. Gilsdorf, Mr. J. J. Robertson and Mr. P. Jacek for two members of LSA.

Chairman's Remarks

- 77.5.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order and read a letter from Ms. A. Kubicek informing Council of a Commerce Graduation Reception to be held on May 6, 1977. It was pointed out that this is separate and apart from the Graduation Banquet and Ball being organized under the direction of the CCSL and members were asked to note this information.

Mr. Rennie stated that Steering Committee had received a report that some members of Council had visited the Art Workshop following the March 15th Meeting of CCSL asking question of the people using the facilities. He reminded members that no one had been commissioned by CCSL to make any investigation and stated that if individuals wish to learn more about any particular projects it is possible and desirable to contact the persons in charge and arrange a mutually convenient visit.

The Chairman introduced Ms. Marilyn Callan who acted as alternate for Mr. W. Gilsdorf at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Meetings of March 8 and March 15, 1977

- 77.5.2 On MOTION of Ms. L. Adler, SECONDED by Dean Flynn the Minutes of the two previous meetings held on March 8 and March 15, 1977 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Report of Committee on Priorities of Student Life

- 77.5.3 Mr. N. Hébert reported briefly on the most recent meeting of the Committee on Priorities held on March 22. The Committee had prepared an Interim Report to Council and this will be sent to members shortly.

Student Services Budget 1977-78

- 77.5.4 A letter dated March 21, 1977 from Father Graham, Vice Rector, Student Services to the Chairman of CCSL, Document CCSL-77-5-D1, was noted by members, having been previously distributed to the Finance Committee.

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- 77.5.4.1 Mr. Macaluso in presenting the Report of the Finance Committee reminded Council that on March 8 Fincom had recommended three budgets in order of preference. On March 15, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Budget C had been approved by CCSL. Council had, at the same meeting, rejected a proposal to replace the current method of collecting student services fees by a tax on tuition. Therefore the present method and the current level, namely \$67.50 for full-time students and \$13.50 for part-time students had been approved for recommendation to the Board of Governors, through the Vice Rector, Student Services. The Finance Committee, as mandated by Council, had presented its budget proposal to the Vice Rector on March 25 at which time the rationale behind Budget C was explained.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee pointed out that Fincom has consistently viewed itself as an advisory body, not as a negotiating committee, either with the Directorate or with the Rectorate. He stated that until Council gives Fincom clear and precise instructions to negotiate on its behalf with any sector of the University, Fincom will engage in a strictly advisory role.

In concluding his report Mr. Macaluso reported that Fincom, after many weeks of study and analysis, wished to repeat its original recommendation to Council, i.e. that Council forward Budget C, its approved document, to the Rectorate and the Board of Governors.

- 77.5.4.2 It was MOVED by Mr. Wisniewski, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea

- a) "THAT the level of service in student services be brought in line with available funding."
- b) "THAT there be no further expenditures for replacement of staff leaving Student Services, Guidance or Athletics."
- c) "THAT programs serving limited memberships become self-supporting, Art Workshop, Sir George Williams ethnic clubs."

- 77.5.4.3 It was MOVED by Ms. Marrelli, SECONDED by Mr. Hébert THAT the three above Motions be TABLED in order that Finance Committee may seek clarification.

MOTION CARRIED.

Questions were directed to the Finance Committee regarding alternate proposals should Budget C be rejected by the Board of Governors. Fincom reiterated its recommendation that Council do nothing to modify the recommendations endorsed at the last meeting.

- 77.5.4.4 It was MOVED by Mr. Macaluso, SECONDED by Mr. Counihan

"THAT CCSL forward to the Board of Governors through the Rector and/or his delegate Budget C as approved by the Concordia Council on Student Life."

Lengthy discussion took place.

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Several members spoke against the motion believing that, lacking support from the Administration, it would receive a negative response from the Board of Governors. Dialogue with the Rector was advocated in order to seek his advice regarding resolution of the conflict and in the hope of finding a compromise that would be acceptable to both Council and the administration.

77.5.4.5 It was MOVED by Dean Flynn, SECONDED by Ms. O'Dea

"THAT the Finance Committee be empowered by CCSL to meet with the Rector and Vice Rector in a negotiating capacity."

The meeting adjourned for a student caucus.

77.5.4.6 The Chairman reconvened the meeting and the following AMENDMENTS to the Motion were MOVED by Mr. Hébert, SECONDED by Mr. James:

- a) "THAT Finance Committee be mandated to collect information rather than negotiate in light of the situation that is now present, i.e. the letter from Father Graham, dated March 21."
- b) "THAT Council reaffirm its stand taken last meeting that full-time student services fee by \$67.50, part-time \$13.50, and that student fees collected not make up more than 52% of student services revenue."

Following considerable discussion and questions, the Chairman ruled the first Amendment out of order and called for a vote on the second Amendment.

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Dean Flynn was requested to elaborate on the intent of his Motion, i.e. whether the Finance Committee would be negotiating with the Rector on terms which would then be ratified or not ratified by Council, or whether they would be talking informally. He replied that the intent of his Motion was for Fincom to seek information from the Rector and possible solutions to the situation in which Council finds itself.

A caucus of staff was then requested and granted.

On reconvening the meeting, the Chairman yielded the floor to Dean Flynn who reported that the staff felt there should be no limitation on the terms of negotiation, in the belief that it would be unfair to restrict the Finance Committee in its discourse with the Vice Rector and Rector. They therefore wanted the word "negotiate" to stand. Dean Flynn then proposed the following Amendment, which was duly seconded -

77.5.4.7 "THAT there be no reduction in the level of expenditures of the Student Services Budget for 1977/78, as documented in Budget C."

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77.5.4.8 Following discussion, the Chairman proposed that Dean Flynn withdraw his Amendment, Mr. Hébert move to rescind his Amendment and that Finance Committee be asked to deliberate with the Rector and Vice Rector on matters concerning the budget and report back to Council at the earliest possible date. This was agreed to by the Movers and Seconders of both Amendments and by consensus.

77.5.4.9 Dean Flynn and Ms. O'Dea CHANGED their Motion to read as follows:

"THAT Finance Committee be empowered by CCSL to meet with the Rector and the Vice Rector to deliberate all aspects of Budget C as passed by CCSL at its last meeting."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Task Force on Student Services Fee Structure (CCSL-77-5-D2)

77.5.5 After discussion Ms. N. Marrelli and Ms. A. Kubicek, the Mover and Seconder of the Motion contained in Document CCSL-77-5-D2 agreed to withdraw the Motion and instead MOVED that it be sent to the Finance Committee for study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Date of Next Meeting

77.5.6 Mr. Kotiuga informed the Council that the next meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors would be held on April 6 and any proposal of Council should be placed before that Committee as it will make recommendations to the Board of Governors. After discussing several alternative dates, it was decided to schedule the next meeting of CCSL for Tuesday, April 5 on the Loyola Campus, Room AD-128, at 5:30 p.m. Dean Flynn apprised the members of the fact that 3 directors and possibly 4 would be unavoidably absent from the next meeting; they would, however, send delegates.

New Business

77.5.7 It was MOVED by Mr. Hébert, SECONDED by Mr. Counihan and CARRIED

"THAT CCSL purchase a one-half page advertisement in the 1977 Yearbook to congratulate the 1977 graduating students at a cost of \$197.50."

On Motion of Ms. O'Dea the Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.